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Commission Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2002
West Modesto Community Center
401 E Paradise Road
Modesto, Ca.

Members Present: Reverend Nathaniel Green (Chair), Sallie Perez (Vice Chair), Bea Acosta, Kathy Kohrman, Supervisor Pat Paul, Superintendent Martin Petersen, George Skol, Dan Souza LCSW, and John Walker, MD.

Staff Present: Robert H. Allaire, Interim Director, Mick Krausnick, County Counsel, Dan Rosas, Staff Services Coordinator, Brenda Priest-O'Brien, Accountant, Erica Inacio, Confidential Assistant.

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Green. Commissioners and staff were introduced.
- II. Video presentation on Kit for New Parents kick-off held at Orville Wright School July 25, 2002.
- III. Public Comment Period
There was no public comment.
- IV. Consent Calendar
Moved Paul, Seconded Souza. The consent calendar was unanimously approved.
- V. Agenda Items
 - A. Approval of the minutes for June 25, 2002
The minutes were amended to reflect item F. Commissioner Skol voted in favor of RFP at \$300,000 for one year to address the needs of abused and neglected children.
Moved Skol, Seconded Paul. Unanimously approved.
 - B. Approval of the Administrative Committee Minutes for August 9, 2002.
The minutes were amended to include #8. The committee discussed the need for all pilot projects to be reviewed and that reports be forwarded with a clear update on the stated outcomes. A process for monitoring and review should be developed.
Moved Kohrman, Seconded Perez. Unanimously approved with amendment.

C. Executive Director's Office

1. Approval of Technical Assistance Contract with Nancy Oliva to prepare the School Readiness Initiative proposals for the Modesto City Schools and the Patterson Unified School Districts. Moved Kohrman, Seconded Paul. Unanimously approved. (Acosta abstained)
2. Approval to submit School Readiness Initiative proposals for the Modesto City Schools and the Patterson Unified School District to the California Children and Families Commission by 09/15/02 and authorize the Chair to sign the applications. Moved Kohrman, Seconded Paul. Unanimously approved. (Acosta abstained)
3. Approval to extend the Independent Contract Agreement between the Commission and the Behavioral Health and Recovery services through May 13, 2003 and authorize the Interim Director to sign agreement. Moved Walker, Seconded Perez. Unanimously approved. (Souza abstained)
4. Approved extension of Facilitation and Technical Assistance Contract with Jamie McCreary, Ph.D, for the School Readiness Initiative through December 31, 2002 and authorize the Interim Director to sign the contract. Moved Paul, Seconded Souza. Unanimously approved.
5. Approved the United Way of Stanislaus County to present Mini-Grant recommendations to the Commission for final selection at the September 2002 meeting. Moved Paul, Seconded Souza. Unanimously approved.
6. Approved United Way to present Equipment Mini-Grant funding recommendations to Commission for final selection at the September 2002 meeting. Moved Paul, Seconded Souza. Unanimously approved.
7. Budget
 - a) Acceptance of the 01/01/99 to 06/30/02 Revenues and Expenditures Report and appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to work with the staff and return within 90 days with recommendations specific to a financial plan that would include: revenue assumptions, expense assumptions, operation assumptions and economic assumptions. Appointed to the committee were Kohrman, Paul, Walker and Skol. Such an Ad Hoc Committee should consider future budget allocations and spending. Moved Perez, Seconded Petersen. Unanimously approved.
 - b) Approval of Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budget and directed staff to work with the Administrative Committee in operationalizing the FY 2002-2003 budget. Moved Kohrman, Seconded Skol. Unanimously approved.
8. The Commission approved funding recommendations from the Stanislaus County Office of Education to contract for Early Child Care and Development with Stanislaus County Children and Infant Care Association, Modesto City Schools, Victory Life/Modesto Love Center Ministries/Tender Hearts Childcare Center and Yosemite Community College District. Moved Kohrman, Seconded Souza. Unanimously approved. (Petersen abstained)

The commission decided to take no further action on the Early Child Care and Development Request for proposals.

Moved Skol, Seconded Perez. Unanimously approved. (Petersen abstained)

9. The Commission approved the Stanislaus County Office of Education to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Child Care and Development Grants to address needs of children at risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation and directed staff to work with SCOE staff in releasing the RFP and return to the Commission with recommendations for funding.

Moved Skol, Seconded Paul. Unanimously approved. (Petersen abstained)

10. The Commission accepted a proposal from the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency for the Child Health Access Program (CHAP) for children ages 0-5 and appointed an Ad Hoc Committee (Acosta, Perez, Skol, Souza) to work with the staff and Health Services Agency and return to the commission, as soon as possible, with specific recommendations.

Moved Skol, Seconded Perez. Unanimously approved. (Walker and Kohrman abstained)

D. Program Reports

1. The Commission accepted a report from the CARES project.
Moved Paul, Seconded Souza. Unanimously approved.
2. The Commission accepted a report from the Stanislaus County Office of Education.
Moved Paul, Seconded Souza. Unanimously approved.
3. The Commission accepted a report from the United Way of Stanislaus County. It referred the issue of extending Prop 10 Pilot Programs, including a proposal from the Community Building Project, to staff and administrative committee for consideration at the September meeting. Furthermore, the Commission requested a listing of all Prop 10 Pilot Programs with amounts awarded, starting dates, dates for review, and completion dates.

Moved Walker, Seconded Paul. Unanimously approved. (Perez abstained)

VI. Correspondence

- A. The Commission referred to staff and/or the Education Committee the guide for First Steps: Taking Action Early to Prevent Violence. Moved on Consent.
- B. The Commissioners were provided with copies of the Prop 10 Briefings (July 2002) from the California Children and Families Association.
- C. The Commission referred to staff, to be shared with the Administrative Committee, a Prop 10 funding disbursement report from the California Children and Families Commission. Moved on Consent.
- D. The Commission accepted a thank you letter from a CARES Program stipend recipient. Moved on Consent.
- E. The Commissioners were provided and referred to the Education Committee a July newsletter from the Stanislaus County Tobacco Education Coalition. Moved on Consent.

- F. The Commission referred to the Education Committee a letter and advertising packet from the California Children and Families Commission detailing the adoption of “First 5 California”. Moved on Consent.
- G. The Commission referred to the Education Committee a letter from the American Cancer Society detailing a CCFC funded demonstration program aimed at smoking cessation in Stanislaus, Alameda, Sacramento, and Monterey Counties. Moved on Consent.

VII. Commissioner’s Reports

A. Chair

- 1. Commissioners Acosta and Paul were appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee to nominate officers to be elected at the September meeting.
- 2. Commissioners Walker and Skol were appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee to assist the Chief Executive Office in recruiting and selecting an executive director.
- 3. Chair Green announced that he was decided not to seek appointment to a second term. Thus, this would be his last meeting as a Commissioner. Mr. Allaire, on behalf of the entire Commission presented Chair Green with a token of appreciation.

VIII. Chair green adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.